## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## GEORGIA DOT ANNOUNCES FORSYTH COUNTY CANEY RD STILL CLOSED, PAVING BEGINS MONDAY DETOUR REMAINS IN PLACE

CUMMING, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces the detour to facilitate the reconstruction of the intersection at Brookwood Road west and Caney Road is still in effect as crews rebuild Caney Road at Brookwood. The Caney Road side of the intersection with the western side of Brookwood Road and is scheduled to reopen to traffic Monday, November 2, weather permitting.

"Rains have slowed the work down considerable. We are continuing to work on Caney Road at western Brookwood Road and expect to reopen it to traffic November 2. We will completely rework the intersection of western Brookwood Road and Caney Road" explained Georgia DOT District Construction Engineer, Randall Davis. "The grade of Caney Road is being raised five feet to improve the sight distance a driver can see from Caney turning onto Brookwood. Caney will also be straightened. In order to do this work as quickly as possible we will close approximately 500 feet of Caney Road at the intersection of western Brookwood Road. Paving is expected to begin Monday. The detour route utilizes west Caney Road to Old Alpharetta Road to SR 141."

Once the intersection of Caney Road and west Brookwood Road is reconstructed, crews will begin work on the intersection of SR 141 and Brookwood Road. Rebuilding this intersection will require a partial closure and detour as well. The target date for closing the western side of Brookwood Road is Monday, November 2.

This 6.5 mile long construction project is 73% complete. The \$50 million project widens SR 141 to a four lane divided highway from McGinnis Ferry Road to SR 9.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at <a href="www.511ga.org">www.511ga.org</a>.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).